

Warner Public Schools Oklahoma (Warner, OK)

Located in a rural remote (locale 43) area of Oklahoma and within the Cherokee Nation, this proposed project directly affects all buildings within the Warner School District and its community at large. The district serves approximately 850 K-12 students in just under 110,000 square feet of buildings that were built as far back as 1961. Many of the HVAC units are well over 20 years old, and several are well past their life expectancy. The emergency generator used for public safety during weather events and nursing home power outages routinely fails, leaving residents at risk. The district-wide renovations will include new heating and cooling systems, lighting, doors, and other building envelope improvements. The project will reduce overall utility spend and allow the district to reallocate those funds for more impactful purposes such as teacher salaries, books, and computers.

Community Benefits

Warner Public Schools is located within the Cherokee Nation, and many of the students are Native American. The schools slated for funding are not only centers of learning; they are also utilized for many community events and gatherings, so the benefits of building improvements will extend beyond academics. The community estimates that this project could create up to 200 jobs – a dramatic boost for an underserved community. Implementers will engage the local Cherokee tribal community first for sub-contracting; they will also encourage unions, require Davis Bacon pay documentation, and offer training. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) will be key criteria in sub-contracting decisions.

Team Members	
• Willdan Energy Solutions	
Total Funds Requested	\$ 11,400,000
Proposed Cost Share (%)	\$ 600,000 (5%)
Number of Buildings	4 (3 schools)

